organised sector are dependent on a number of factors and it is, therefore, difficult to correlate employment opportunities merely with labour policy.

(d) The primary objective of the Ninth Plan is to generate greater productive employment in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are more labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rate of unemployment and under employment.

A Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Ahluwalia, Member, Planning Commission has also been set up to look into the employment generation taking place and suggest measures to generate at least one hundred million jobs in a period of 10 years (Ten million jobs in each year).

**Construction of Houses for Beedi Workers**

4186. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have provided fund for construction of houses for the Beedi workers in Orissa;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned by Government;

(c) the number of houses constructed for Beedi workers in the State;

(d) has the entire Central allocation been spent on the construction of dwelling units for the Beedi workers in that State;

(e) if not, the total amount come back to Centre; and

(f) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 1,84,61,000/- has been sanctioned for construction of 2896 houses for beedi workers in the State of Orissa during 1999-2000.

(d) The entire allocation of Rs. 1,84,61,000/-made during 1999-2000 has been spend for construction of dwelling units for the beedi workers in the State.

(e) and (f) Does not arise.